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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"Will the hon. the Minister consider the advisability of supplying the questioner with the information asked for in clause (b) ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The answer sought for will be found in the Annual Excise Administration Report. Government will have no difficulty in giving it."

Agriculture

Stability of the Mysore Agricultural Dairy Farm Company, Limited.

*785 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have any information as to the solvency, reliability, stability or otherwise of the Mysore Agricultural Dairy Farm Company, Limited, and if so, what it is ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister is aware that this Dairy company is collecting a large sum of money by way of shares and deposits from villagers ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"In the interests of the people who are now fleeced thus will he please obtain the information ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"I shall consider."

Starting of a demonstration farm for growing sugarcane in Bellary district.

*786 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Agriculture on his last visit to the wet land areas in the Bellary district promised to consider the question of taking over for lease an acre of wet land and growing sugarcane and making jaggery at Government expense by Government men as demonstration to the ryots ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to hasten the starting of such a demonstration ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) These demonstration areas were duly started at Chitwadigi and Kampli. The former was a failure due to climatic conditions. The plot immediately after planting had taken place was badly affected by very heavy rains and stagnation of water. The canes never recovered from this set back and growth was poor throughout. Despite this the best that could be done was done and a demonstration of good jaggery making was given.

The demonstration at Kampli, however, was a complete success.